



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	23-CL-22-GE-WSP-A
Title	Workshop on Community-based Sustainable Agriculture
Timing	28 November 2023–30 November 2023
Hosting Country(ies)	Sri Lanka
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Online
Implementing Organization(s)	National Productivity Secretariat, Sri Lanka and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	38
Local Participants	12
Closing Date	14 November 2023
Remarks	Not Applicable

Objectives	Learn about successful, innovative, community-based sustainable agriculture (CBSA) models for achieving multiple objectives including sustainable natural resource management, productivity enhancement, and livelihood improvement; examine key success factors from selected case studies; and discuss how to disseminate good CBSA practices in APO members.
Rationale	This workshop supports “Broad-based Engagement” under “Inclusive Productivity” in the APO Vision 2025 to enable widespread participation and commitment to the productivity movement with a particular focus on small farmers. It also aims to contribute to Green Productivity in the agriculture sector.
Background	<p>CBSA is a holistic approach that emphasizes the participation of local communities in the planning, implementation, and management of sustainable farming practices, based on the principle that communities are best equipped to understand and address their own agricultural needs (FAO, 2018). This approach offers a number of opportunities, such as protecting the environment by implementing programs to conserve soil and water resources, reduce pollution, and promote biodiversity. It also creates job opportunities including for women and other marginalized groups. CBSA also improves food security and nutrition through enhanced agricultural productivity. However, challenges include a lack of policies, financing, leadership, know-how, and community engagement.</p> <p>This workshop will provide a platform for leaders to learn about the latest developments and good practices in CBSA approaches and discuss how to disseminate them in APO members.</p>
Topics	Impact of CBSA approaches on the environment and rural communities; CBSA policies, regulations, and frameworks; Community-based natural resource management; and Case studies.
Outcome	Participants will understand key drivers, success factors, and solutions to challenges to promote CBSA in APO members through case studies and discussions.
Qualifications	Government officials, academics, researchers, and consultants in charge of sustainable rural development through agriculture.

Please refer to the implementation procedures circulated with this document for further details.



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